

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

November 7, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Fred Bueter, Chair
Walter Heinritzi, Vice Chair
Dr. Dan Blower
Keith Ferris
Capt. Harold Love
Charles Moser
Tom O'Brien
Mike Prince
Robert Ramels

Commissioners Absent

Dave Goller
Ken Houck

Guests

Kirk Forbes, MPSC
Dr. Nicholas Nwabueze, MPSC
Jill Skutar, MCTS
Pat Muinch, FMCSA
John Wallace, FMCSA
Dr. Lidia Kostyniuk, UMTRI
Dr. Peter Savolainen, Wayne State
Lt. Susan Fries, MSP CVE Division
Lacey Latimore, MPSC

OHSP Staff

Kathy Farnum
Janet Hengesbach
Kim Kelly
Spencer Simmons
Linda Fech
Charlotte Kilvington

CALL TO ORDER

The MTSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Bueter, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self introductions were made of those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 MTSC meeting was made by Captain Love and supported by Mr. Ferris. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

Chair's Report – Mr. Bueter

Mr. Bueter noted that Rep. Holly Hughes did not get re-elected. She supported the Skills Testing for Veterans so hopefully someone else will take up this cause.

He also mentioned that SB 809, which would include the ban on hand held cell phones, has failed. This will now be included in HB 5668.

The response for CDL drivers to register their status is excellent. There are approximately 300,000 registered drivers with approximately 145,000 who have certified their type of driving and registered their medical information with the Secretary of State.

Financial Report – Ms. Kim Kelly

Ms. Kelly provided an overview of the financial statement as of September 30, 2012. This is the preliminary year-end report. The revenue has increased again this year – this would be the 2nd year in a row. She noted an overall increase of 2.38%. Ms. Kelly also reminded the Commissioners of the \$40,519 that will be

used for the Direct Observation Grant. The Budget committee will meet in the near future to discuss the carry forward monies.

Education Grant Activity Report – Ms. Jill Skutar

Ms. Skutar highlighted the recent activities and accomplishments of the Michigan Center for Truck Safety during the time frame of July 1 – September 30, 2012. This report shows information from the 4th quarter to fiscal year end. Some of the goals show decreases for the quarter, but overall, each goal shows an increase for the year. Their staffing levels are still low as they have not filled the vacancies.

Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Lt. Susan Fries

Lieutenant Fries reviewed the latest data regarding their goals. All of their law enforcement activity has increased for 2012. They completed each of the goals they set forth for the grant time frame.

She briefly reviewed the goals for 2013 which will include STET operations with emphasis on driver behavior, construction zone enforcement and equipment violations. They have identified five counties they will focus on. Other goals for 2013 include dedication of 370 overtime hours for weekend and holiday patrol in high risk traffic areas, publishing the CMV Enforcement Quarterly, the purchase of two portable fingerprint scanners, the purchase of 12 driver's license readers for patrol cars, the purchase of eight sets of portable signs for the STET enforcement, the purchase of 12 LED flashlights and to partially fund the 2013 Motor Carrier school.

ACTION ITEMS

a. 2013 Proposed meeting dates

The proposed dates for the 2013 MTSC Meetings were presented to the Commissioners for approval. Members approved these dates.

b. Approval of 2012 MTSC Annual Report

This report was forwarded to the MTSC in advance of this meeting for their review. OHSP will submit to the Legislature according to statute. Additionally, it will be forwarded to the Governor's office, MSP Director, Executive Staff and posted on the MTSC web site. Dr. Blower made a **MOTION** to approve the 2012 MTSC Annual Report. Mr. Heinritz approved. The **MOTION** carries.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

A. CMV Direct Observation of Seat Belt Use

Dr. Peter Savolainen of Wayne State University gave a brief recap of Commercial Motor Vehicle Direct Observation Survey of Safety Belt Use. The objective of this effort was to observe statewide safety belt use by CMV. They observed 35 counties with observation points at rest areas on highways and intersections on non-highways. Data collection occurred May 30 to July 23, 2012. Some conclusions of this observation were the current CMV seat belt rate is 84.9% with younger drivers exhibiting lower use.

b. CMV grants update

Dr. Lydia Kostyniuk gave an update on Strategies to Reduce CMV-Involved Crashes, Fatalities, and injuries in Michigan and the Evaluation of the Michigan Center for Truck Safety - Effectiveness of Training Programs. Dr. Kostyniuk outlined the objectives and programs that will be evaluated regarding the Michigan Center for Truck Safety including Education program, skid pad, and simulator. She will attend the MTSC meetings in 2013 to give updates with a final report presented during the September 2013 MTSC meeting. Regarding the Grant for Strategies to Reduce CMV-involved crashes, she and her team will look at strategies recommended in 2007, review of experience in other states and trends in CMV crashes among other items. The final report will be presented during the September 2013 MTSC meeting with updates

during each MTSC meeting in 2013.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Prince reported that Ms. Linda Fech is the newest addition to OHSP. One of her primary responsibilities will be Senior Mobility. She and the Senior Mobility Action Team members are looking at a North American Conference on Senior Mobility Conference in 2014 in Detroit, Ann Arbor or Grand Rapids.

The UP Winter Driving Campaign began this month. This is a pilot program for a paid ad campaign for winter driving. There will be a news conference held in 8th District located in Marquette.

For the next 30 days, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will place exceptions on safety regulations for drivers going to the East Coast to participate in the Hurricane Sandy clean-up efforts. All regulations are exempt from FMCSA safety regulations except CDL and drug and alcohol testing.

Captain Love reported that MSP has sent troopers to the East Coast to assist with Hurricane Sandy clean-up efforts and to assist with FEMA in assessing the damage New York and New Jersey. In the last few days, the mission has been changed to assisting the New Jersey State Police with the snow storm that recently came in.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.